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THE FOLLOWING IS TEXT EXCHANGE OF REMARKS BETWEEN THE
PRESIDENT AND ASHRAF GHORBAL AMBASSADOR OF EGYPT AT
THE PRESENTATION OF AMBASSADOR GHORBAL'S DIPLOMATIC
CREDENTIALS APRIL 19, 1974 AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

THE PRESIDENT: THESE ARE YOUR CREDENTIALS, MR. AMBASSADOR?

AMBASSADOR GHORBAL: THESE ARE MY CREDENTIALS, MR.
PRESIDENT, AND IT IS A GREAT HONOR FOR MY COUNTRY TO
PRESENT THEM TO YOU TODAY.

THE PRESIDENT: HERE IS MY RESPONSE, MR. AMBASSADOR, AND
I WANT YOU TO KNOW AND I WANT YOU TO INFORM PRESIDENT
SADAT THAT THIS IS A DAY I HAVE LOOKED FORWARD TO FROM THE
TIME I HAVE ENTERED THIS OFFICE.

I HAVE FELT THAT IT WAS A GREAT TRAGEDY FOR BOTH OUR
COUNTRIES THAT OUR RELATIONS DID NOT EXIST, DUE TO EVENTS
THAT WE ARE ALL AWARE OF IN THE SIXTIES. I REALIZE, TOO,
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THAT WE ARE ENTERING A PERIOD THAT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT

IN TERMS OF BUILDING NOT JUST A TEMPORARY BUT A PERMANENT
PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WHICH WILL MEAN THAT YOUR PEOPLE
WILL MOVE FORWARD IN PEACE RATHER THAN TO HAVE THE PLAGUE
OF WAR, WHICH HAS PLAGUED SO MANY OF THE COUNTRIES THERE

OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

AND I WANT TO SAY PERSONALLY THAT ONE OF THE REASONS I
HAVE WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE YOUR CREDENTIALS
IS THAT IN 1963, AT A TIME WHEN WE DID HAVE RELATIONS,
WHICH WAS BEFORE THE JUNE WAR, MY WIFE AND I VISITED
EGYPT WITH OUR TWO DAUGHTERS, AND WE SHALL NEVER FORGET
NOT ONLY THE GREAT HISTORICAL MONUMENTS WHICH GO BACK
FURTHER THAN ANY IN THE WORLD, BUT WE WILL NEVER FORGET
THE FRIENDSHIP. WE LOOK FORWARD SOME DAY TO COMING
AGAIN.

AMBASSADOR GHORBAL: MR. PRESIDENT, I AM OVERWHELMED.
I AM DEEPLY HONORED. I AM SURE I GRACE EVERYONE IN
EGYPT WHEN I SAY THIS IS EQUALLY A GREAT DAY FOR EACH OF
US, FOR WE ARE TODAY ENDING THE ESTRANGEMENT AND LOOKING
AHEAD TO A RAPPROCHEMENT OF COOPERATION AND GOOD
FRIENDSHIP.

THE PEOPLE OF EGYPT REMEMBERED VERY WELL AND REMEMBER
VERY WELL THE VISIT OF YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND MRS.
NIXON. SIXTY-THREE HAS BEEN LONG BACK. IT IS HIGH
TIME WE WELCOME YOU BACK, MR. PRESIDENT, AND WE LOOK
FORWARD TO YOUR VISITING EGYPT VERY SOON. I KNOW
THAT PRESIDENT SADAT AND MRS. SADAT ARE ANXIOUS -- SO
ARE THE PEOPLE OF EGYPT -- TO WELCOME YOU BACK.

YOU HAVE DONE ADMIRABLY IN BRINGING ABOUT THE BEGINNING,
AND WE HOPE THE CONTINUING PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING
PERMANENT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WE SALUTE YOUR
EFFORTS. WE WANT THIS COOPERATION CONTINUOUSLY, NOT
ONLY AFTER PEACE IS ACHIEVED, BUT EVEN BEYOND.

YOU HAVE DONE TREMENDOUSLY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR
DOING TREMENDOUSLY AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, MR.
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PRESIDENT.

THE PRESIDENT: MR. AMBASSADOR, IN CONCLUDING, YOU
HAVE SPOKEN OF WHAT WE HAVE DONE. LET ME SAY THAT I
SHOULD PUT IT IN THE PLURAL, TOGETHER OUR TWO NATIONS
HAVE WORKED OUT DIFFICULT PROBLEMS IN THESE PAST MONTHS
INVOLVING, OF COURSE, THE DISENGAGEMENT.

AND IT IS TOGETHER, ECONOMICALLY AND OTHER WAYS, THAT WE
CAN MOVE FORWARD FOR NOT ONLY PROGRESS FOR YOUR
COUNTRY, BUT FOR ALL OF YOUR NEIGHBORS, WHICH I KNOW
PRESIDENT SADAT WANTS.
THANK YOU. RUSH

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